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1. The KRAKOW Militia (MO) Office was located at 24 Siemiradzkiego Street. The so-called "Operational Battalion" ("Operacini") of the Militia, with a personnel of about four hundred, was quartered there. \_\_\_\_\_ believed this battalion to be held in readiness for commitment against partisans.
2. The battalion, assigned to the WARSAW Ministry of State Security, was organized into four 100-man units. Maj FLOREK has been CO of the battalion since October 1948.
3. All Militia offices in the KRAKOW district were under the command of General WITOLD.
4. Up to 80 percent of the battalion was frequently committed against partisans in the Beskids Mts. The troops leaving on such missions were organized into details of about 25 men each, equipped with six to eight jeeps and one or two personnel carriers. They were armed with German "42" machine guns, sub-machine guns, rifles and hand grenades.
5. Large quantities of weapons and ammunition for the Militia units of the KRAKOW District were stored in the "Kosciuski" Fort near the city. The materiel stored there included the following items:

about 1,000 rifles of German make  
about 50 German "42" machine guns  
About 200 submachine guns  
About 10,000 rounds of infantry and pistol ammunition.  
Four 88-mm antitank guns of German origin with about  
100 rounds of ammunition per gun  
Large stocks of clothing.

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6. The Militia battalion received new blue-gray uniforms (resembling those of the former German Air Force), in October 1948. The epaulets were the same color as the uniform. For insignia on epaulets see Annex.

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The designation "Operational Battalion" learned from statements of other PWs. An "Operational Battalion" was reported to be located in the Militia Barracks, JAROKAT-PAIGA. Together with this battalion, which was to be committed against partisans, a "Special Battalion" was mentioned. This was considered a special unit for political missions. Information on these Militia units was contained in a previous report on the "Organisation of the Polish Security Service."

1 Annex: Rank Insignia of the Polish Militia.

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Rank Insignia of the Polish Militia



Corporal  
(one silver 10-mm braid)



Sergeant  
(two silver 10-mm braids)



Sergeant first class  
(one silver 10-mm chevron, point down)



Master Sergeant  
(two silver 10-mm chevrons, points down)



Second Lieutenant (one silver star)



First Lieutenant  
(two silver stars)

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Captain

(three silver stars)

Major

(four silver stars)

Lieutenant Colonel

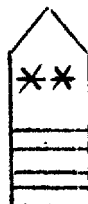
(one silver 15-mm braid and one silver star)

Colonel

(two silver 15-mm braids and two silver stars)

Corps General

(two golden 15-mm braids and one large golden star)

Army General

(two golden 15-mm braids and two large golden stars)

Note: Other insignia of generals could not be identified.

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